



# CITY OF TORRANCE

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Phil Isenberg, Chairman  
Delta Stewardship Council  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500  
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Subject: Proposed Revisions to Fifth Draft of Delta Report

Dear Chairman Isenberg:

On behalf of the City of Torrance, I am writing to express concerns regarding certain aspects of the latest Draft Delta Plan currently being reviewed by the Delta Stewardship Council. The City of Torrance supports the co-equal goals of water supply reliability for the State of California, as well as the ecosystem restoration for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Although the fifth draft of the plan is a significant improvement over prior drafts, there are still concerns regarding certain approaches in the Plan that may detract from actually achieving these coequal goals.

Specifically, the draft does not clearly articulate support for a key objective of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) – namely the recovery of water supplies lost due to Delta regulatory restrictions that the BDCP intends to improve significantly. The efficacy of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is also potentially compromised by the Delta Plan's proposal to require that virtually all future BDCP actions undergo an unnecessary review process by the Stewardship Council, rather than a review of the entire BDCP once to ensure its actions are consistent with the Delta Plan.

In addition, there are concerns that the Plan attempts to interfere with local water management decisions including the structuring of rates, setting of recycling targets and other local water management policies. We believe the Delta Stewardship Council should direct its focus to create a viable plan that could serve to coordinate the multitude of local, state and federal efforts in the Delta region, in order to improve the reliability of water supplies in the state and ensure the ecological recovery of the Delta estuary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input on the process.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Beste  
Public Works Director